

TO ALL POTENTIAL OFFERORS

PLEASE NOTE:

A Request for Information (RFI), TIRNO-03-H-00001 was issued on February 14, 2003 for collection-related services. The purpose of the RFI was to inform the vendor community of a potential opportunity to provide debt collection services for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and to receive comments on the proposed procurement method and potential scope of work for the project. Potential offerors were notified via the RFI that a resulting Request for Proposal (RFP) would not be issued until Congress passed a law changing the tax code to allow private companies to provide debt collection services.

Congress has enacted legislation to allow private debt collection and the bill was signed by the President.

The IRS has a number of activities to complete upon review of all enabling legislation and changes in the tax code. These activities include revisions to internal computer systems to facilitate implementation of the enabling legislation. It is anticipated that an RFP will be issued at the appropriate point in time given the number of actions the IRS must undertake to successfully implement the "Qualified Tax Collection Contracts" provisions.

This RFI is being re-issued as a courtesy to those vendors who are interested in the upcoming RFP and did not have an opportunity to review the RFI in 2003.

It is further anticipated that the RFP to be issued will be done through the General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Supply Schedule (FSS), Financial and Business Solutions (FABS), under Special Item Number (SIN) 520-4, Tax Collection Services. All companies interested in submitting a proposal under the resultant RFP must have an awarded GSA Schedule contract under the SIN above by time of proposal submission in order to participate in the acquisition. For information on how to become a contractor under the Schedule, please contact Ms. Bertha Gelhaus (bertha.gelhaus@gsa.gov) at GSA.

Information concerning the proposed acquisition timeline will be provided periodically after the first of calendar year – 2005.

Further questions may be addressed in writing to *collection.inquiries@irs.gov. Please be sure to include the asterisk (*); it is critical to the e-mail address. Telephone requests will not be acknowledged.